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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-39, 42-49 (part)

Method and apparatus for synthesising ecg signals from a first set of ecg signals comprising at least three electrode locations.

1.1. claims: 1-29, 42-49 (part)

Method and apparatus for synthesising ecg signals from a first set of ecg signals comprising a signal acquired from an electrode placed on the right anterior auxiliary line level with V5.

1.2. claims: 30-33, 42-49 (part)

Method and apparatus for synthesising ecg signals from a first set of ecg signals comprising a signal acquired from an electrode placed on the sternum and at RC or RA and LC or LA.

1.3. claims: 34-39, 42-49 (part)

Method and apparatus for synthesising ecg signals from a first set of ecg signals comprising a signal acquired from an electrode placed on the sternum, at V4 or V5 or V6, and on the right body side level with V4 or V5 or V6.

2. claims: 40, 41, 42-49 (part)

Method and apparatus for synthesising ecg signals from a first set of ecg signals comprising detection of body posture.
